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1. AFGHAN REFUGEES: INDEPENDENT MUSLIM OF MAY 10 FRONTS
ISLAMABAD DATELINE STORY QUOTING UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGN
OFFICE OFFICIAL AS SAYING PAKISTAN MAY ASK FOR AN INTER-
NATIONAL FUND-PLEDGING CONFERENCE TO MEET GROWING COSTS
OF CARING FOR MORE THAN TWO MILLION AFGHAN REFUGEES.
STORY REFERS TO AGHA SHAHI COMMENT ON SAME SUBJECT TO
AMERICAN WEEKLY LAST WEEKLY.

2. GOVT-CONTROLLED PAKTIMES FRONTS GROWING PROBLEM OF
REFUGEES, STATING THEIR NUMBER IS NOW MORE THAN TWO
MILLION.

3. MRS. GANDHI ON PAKISTAN: MUSLIM ALSO FRONTS LENGTHY
INTERVIEW WITH INDIRA GANDHI IN WHICH SHE ASSURES "THE
PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN OF THE FUND OF GOODWILL WHICH EXISTS
IN INDIA TOWARDS THEM." IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW, MRS.
GANDHI QUOTES INCLUDE. "WE FEEL THAT A STABLE PAKISTAN
AND PROGRESS OF ITS PEOPLE IS AS MUCH IN INDIA'S INTEREST
AS IT IS IN PAKISTAN'S....WE BELIEVE IN CO-EXISTENCE.

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WAY OF ATTEMPTING FRIENDSHIP WITH PAKISTAN...WE ARE TRYING TO STRENGTHEN INDIA IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY, BUT ONLY SO THAT WE HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF OUR OWN PEOPLE. WE FEEL OUR (POLITICAL) INDEPENDENCE IS NOT COMPLETE TILL WE HAVE GIVEN THE PEOPLE MORE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW TO THEIR FULL STATURE AND WE FIND THAT YOU CANNOT DO IT UNLESS YOU HAVE BASE OF SELF-RELIANCE...THIS IS HOW WE SEE THE SITUATION. WE DO NOT WANT THIS AREA TO BE CAUGHT UP IN GLOBAL RIVALRIES. WE THINK THAT IS A GREAT DANGER....WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF PAKISTAN HAVING ARMS OR OF PAKISTAN ATTACKING US. WE CAN DEAL WITH THAT. BUT, WHEN ONCE PAKISTAN BECOMES A PART OF GLOBAL STRATEGIES, THEN I THINK IT BECOME MUCH MORE DANGEROUS. THE IMPRESSION THAT INDIA WAS AFRAID OF PAKISTAN WAS DELIBERATELY CREATED."

4. PAKTIMES MAY 9 INSIDES AP REPORT INFLATION GROWING IN INDIA, AND NEARLY HALF THE COUNTRY'S POPULATION OF 680 MILLION LIVE BELOW POVERTY LINE AS DEFINED IN TERMS OF NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

5. MUSLIM EDIT OF SAME DATE, COMMENTS ON NEW DELHI'S THREAT TO DISHONOR THE NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS CLAUSE IF U.S. GOES AHEAD WITH ITS DECISION TO STOP SUPPLYING ENRICHED URANIUM TO INDIA. "THAT PROVES AMERICANS ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN OF INDIA'S INTENTION TO CARRY OUT ANOTHER NUCLEAR TEST. THEY ALSO PROBABLY KNOW THERE IS NOTHING THEY CAN DO TO PREVENT INDIA FROM DOING IT...THIS THREAT HAS COME A DAY TOO LATE BECAUSE THE INDIANS HAVE -- THANKS TO THE UNITED STATES -- ENOUGH NUCLEAR FUEL TO MEET THEIR IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS. AS AGAINST THIS, PAKISTAN HAS BEEN THE LONE BENEFICIARY OF THE SYMINGTON AMENDMENT...THE REAL
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SINNERS, AS AGHA SHAHI LANENTED THE OTHER DAY, HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO ESCAPE. THE REAL SINNERS ARE COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA AND ISRAEL."

6. PAKISTANI HIJACKERS AND BONN DECLARATION: PAKTIMES OF MAY 9 FRONTS LONDON CORRESPONDENT STORY THAT SIGNATORIES TO THE BONN DECLARATION AGAINST HIJACKING OF CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT WILL TAKE "SOME ACTION" SOON AGAINST SYRIA FOR RELEASING THE HIJACKERS OF THE PIA PLANE.

7. INDEPENDENT NAWA-I-WAQT OF MAY 10 SUPPORTS THE MOVE
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REPORTEDLY PLANNED BY SIGNATORIES OF BONN DECLARATION, BONN SEVEN, AGAINST SYRIA FOR RELEASING HIJACKERS OF PAKISTANI PLANE. THE PAPER SAYS THAT AS THE ACTION AGAINST SYRIA IS STILL AT THE DISCUSSION STAGE THE "BONN SEVEN" SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER PUNITIVE MEASURES AGAINST INDIA WHICH ACCORDING TO THE PAPER "HELPED ESCAPE THE HIJACKERS TO KABUL." NAWA-I-WAQT MAINTAINS THAT THE HIJACKERS HAD ARRIVED DELHI FROM DAMASCUS AND STAYED AT DELHI AIRPORT FOR ELEVEN HOURS BEFORE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ARRANGED THEIR SAFE DELIVERY TO KABUL.

8. SUZUKI VISIT: RADIO/TV AND PRESS ALL GAVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO U.S.-JAPAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE HIGHLIGHTING DEMAND FOR UNCONDITIONAL SOVIET PULL OUT FROM AFGHANISTAN. REPORT ON COMMUNIQUE WAS PLACED IN FIRST LEAD BY PRO-GOVT PAKISTANES AND PROMINENTLY CARRIED BY MUSLIM, JANG AND NAWA-I-WAQT UNDER THREE TO FOUR COLUMN HEAD.

9. GENERAL: ON MAY 8, MUSLIM FRONTED LIBYAN DIPLOMATS ASKED TO LEAVE U.S., REAGAN-BREZHNEV SUMMIT NOT LIKELY

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SOON. PAKTIMES QUOTES SPEAKERS AT FORMAL COMMISSIONING
OF NEW COKE OVER PRODUCTION UNIT OF PAKISTAN STEEL MILL.
BUILT WITH ASSISTANCE FROM USSR. CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED
BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR V.X. SHIRNOV. INSIDE, PAPER REPORT-
ED FROM LONDON THAT INDIA NOW SEEKING ACQUIRE MIRAGE 2000
FIGHTERS FROM FRANCE, AND IS PULLING OUT OF 300-MILLION
POUND DEAL TO PURCHASE JAGUARS FROM BRITAIN. THURBER

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